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Bethlehem Town Hall 445 Delaware, NY 12054

Social Hour 6:50PM

Holiday Party

soda, coffee, water bring the rest

AARA November Meeting

First- Election of new officers page 5

then- Holiday Party
Bring food to spread the
Season's cheer

Please PAY your Dues.

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AARA Contesting

2017 CQWW DX CONTEST -- PHONE RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	ZONES	CLAIMED SCORE
N2LBR	M/2	990	287	86	1,046,265
(+WA1KK	M)				
W2GDJ	SO(H)A	737	331	94	870 , 400
N2SQW	SO(L)A	800	286	80	835 , 944
NX2X	SO(H)	742	257	74	699 , 072
K2EP	SO(H)A	652	273	77	653 , 450
N2ZX	SO(H)A	494	359	102	616 , 357
KM2O	SO(H)A	608	269	81	609 , 350
K2XA	SO(H)	630	265	88	608 , 925
N1JP	SO(H)	551	194	50	384,300
WA3AFS	SO(H)	250	237	78	208,530
WC2L	SO(H)A	265	128	44	124,184
K2QY	SO(H)	197	100	30	72,150

2017 ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES -- CW RESULTS

STATION	PREC	QSOs	SECTIONS	CLAIMED SCORE
W2EG	А	518	81	83,916
W2GDJ	U	445	81	72 , 090
N2SQW	U	371	82	60,844

2017 NEW YORK QSO PARTY

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTS	CLAIMED SCORE
W2EG	SO(L)CW	498	73	72 , 708
KM2O	SO(H)SSB	435	89	38,715
N2SQW	SO(L)SSB	381	84	32,004
WA3AFS	SO(H)MIX	109	56	6,216
WB2KLD	SO(L)SSB	95	46	4,370
K2QY	SO(H)SSB	56	34	1,960



73, Sue, N2LBR

December 2017

NCCC RTTY Sprint
QRP Fox Hunt
NCCC Sprint
ARRL 10-Meter Contest
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
International Naval Contest
NAQCC CW Sprint
QRP Fox Hunt

0145Z-0215Z, Dec 8 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 8 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 8

0000Z, Dec 9 to 2400Z, Dec 10 1200Z, Dec 9 to 2400Z, Dec 10 1600Z, Dec 9 to 1559Z, Dec 10 0130Z-0330Z, Dec 13

0200Z-0330Z, Dec 13

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Phone Fray 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 13

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Dec 13 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 13 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 14

NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Dec 15 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 15 QRP Fox Hunt NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 15 Russian 160-Meter Contest 2000Z-2400Z, Dec 15 AGB-Party Contest 2100Z-2400Z. Dec 15 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 16 OK DX RTTY Contest Feld Hell Sprint 0000Z-2359Z. Dec 16 1200Z-2359Z, Dec 16 Padang DX Contest

Croatian CW Contest 1400Z, Dec 16 to 1400Z, Dec 17

ARRL **Rookie Roundup**, CW
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
QRP Fox Hunt
Phone Fray

1800Z-2359Z, Dec 17
0200Z-0400Z, Dec 18
0200Z-0330Z, Dec 20
0230Z-0300Z, Dec 20

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Dec 20 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 20 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 21

NAQCC CW Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Dec 21 NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Dec 22 QRP Fox Hunt 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 22 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 22 NCCC Sprint 0000Z-1159Z, Dec 24 RAEM Contest **DARC Christmas Contest** 0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26 **SKCC Sprint** 0000Z-0200Z, Dec 27 **ORP Fox Hunt** 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 27 Phone Frav 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 27

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Dec 27 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 27 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 28

 NCCC RTTY Sprint
 0145Z-0215Z, Dec 29

 QRP Fox Hunt
 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 29

 NCCC Sprint
 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 29

 RAC Winter Contest
 0000Z-2359Z, Dec 30

Stew Perry Topband Challenge 1500Z, Dec 30 to 1500Z, Dec 31 Original ORP Contest 1500Z, Dec 30 to 1500Z, Dec 31

Bogor Old and New Contest 1200Z-2359Z, Dec 31

January 2018

AGB New Year Snowball Contest 0000Z-0100Z, Jan 1 SARTG New Year **RTTY** Contest 0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1 AGCW Happy New Year Contest 0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1

AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 1400Z-1700Z, Jan 1 (144) and 1700Z-1800Z, Jan 1 (432)

QRP ARCI New Years Sprint
ARS Spartan Sprint
Phone Fray

1500Z-1800Z, Jan 1
0200Z-0400Z, Jan 2
0230Z-0300Z, Jan 3

CWops Mini-CWT Test 1300Z-1400Z, Jan 3 and 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 3 and 0300Z-0400Z, Jan 4

UKEICC 80m Contest 2000Z-2100Z, Jan 3

NRAU **10m** Activity Contest 1800Z-1900Z, Jan 4 (CW) and 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 4 (SSB) and 2000Z-2100Z,

Jan 4 (FM) and 2100Z-2200Z, Jan 4 (Dig)

NCCC RTTY Sprint 0145Z-0215Z, Jan 5 NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 5 PODXS 070 Club **PSK**Fest WW PMC Contest ARRL **RTTY** Roundup Kid's Day Contest

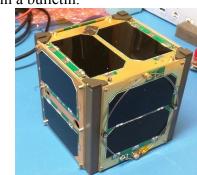
0000Z-2400Z, Jan 6 1200Z, Jan 6 to 1200Z, Jan 7 1800Z, Jan 6 to 2400Z, Jan 7 1800Z-2359Z, Jan 6

AO-91 Commissioned, Declared Open for Amateur Use! ARRL Nov 30, 2017

AMSAT-NA's latest Amateur Radio CubeSat, RadFxSat (Fox-1B), now known as AO-91, has been opened for general use. AMSAT Engineering officially announced that AO-91 was ready for use at 0650 UTC on Thanksgiving Day, November 23. AMSAT VP of Engineering, Jerry Buxton, N0JY, turned over operation to Mark Hammond, N8MH, and AMSAT Operations during a contact on the AO-91 repeater during the pass over the Eastern US, AMSAT said in a bulletin.

The latest CubeSat in the Fox series was launched on November 18 from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. Telemetry is downlinked via the DUV sub-audible telemetry stream, which can be decoded using FoxTelem software.

A 1U CubeSat, RadFxSat (Fox-1B) is a joint mission of AMSAT and the Institute for Space and Defense Electronics (ISDE) at Vanderbilt University. AMSAT constructed the rest of the satellite, including the spaceframe, on-board computer, and power system.



The Amateur Radio package is similar to that currently on orbit on AO-85, with an uplink on 435.250 MHz (67.0 Hz CTCSS) and a downlink on 145.960 MHz. -- Thanks to AMSAT News Service

Radio Programming Chart

AO-91 Doppler Shift Correction

Memory	Your Transmit Frequency(With 67 Hz Tone)	Your Receive Frequency
Acquisition of Signal (AOS)	435.240 MHz	145.960 MHz
Approaching	435.245 MHz	145.960 MHz
Time of Closest Approach (TCA)	435.250 MHz	145.960 MHz
Departing	435.255 MHz	145.960 MHz
Loss of Signal (LOS)	435.260 MHz	145.960 MHz

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